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Amendment

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and in response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration. This response is timely in view of the accompanying Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time, which extends the period for response to January 16, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.